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1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT ALLENDE' S THIRD ANNUAL MESSAGE ON STATE OF THE NATION, DELIVERED AS REQUIRED BY CONSTITUTION AT MAY 21 FORMAL OPENING OF NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS, WAS DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO DOMESTIC POLITICS AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE SAID VIRTUALLY NOTHING HE HAS NOT SAID BEFORE. REFERENCES TO U. S. WERE LIMITED, INCLUDING BLAST AT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WITH PASSING REFERENCE IN THIS CONNECTION TO U. S. AGENCIES AND "ECONOMIC BLOCKING" OF CREDITS. ALLENDE REVEALED MORE DETAILS OF HIS LONG- GESTATING PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION. GENERAL TONE WAS REASONABLE AND MODERATE BUT WITHOUT CEDING ANY BASIC POINT OF UP PLATFORM. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN RELATIONS. ALLENDE STRESSED THAT CHILE UNDER UP HAD FREED ITSELF FROM DICTATES OF U. S. WORLD STRATEGY,
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ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IRRESPECTIVE OF IDEOLOGY, AND IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH STRUGGLE OF THIRD WORLD. HE CITED ITT AND KENNECOTT, THE FORMER " IN COLLABORATION WITH ORGANS OF U. S. GOVERNMENT" AS EXPOSED IN U. S. SENATE HEARINGS, AS EXAMPLES OF PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE EXERTED BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. CALLING FOR RESTRUCTURING OF OAS TO ESTABLISH AN ORGANIZATION REALLY CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING GENUINE DIALOGUE WITH U. S., ALLENDE PRONOUNCED CONCEPT OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY AS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD " FICTITIOUS."

3. DOMESTIC POLITICS. REITERATING HIS VIEW THAT DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL PEACE IN CHILE ARE ENDANGERED, ALLENDE TICKED OFF WHAT HE TERMED THE OBSTANACY AND RESISTANCE TO SOCIAL CHANGE BY OPPOSITION WHICH HE BLAMED FOR SITUATION OF SERIOUS CONFRONTATION. GOVT WILL PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER USING ALL LEGAL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL, HE SAID, BUT WILL NEVERTHELESS FORGE AHEAD WITH ITS PROGRAM OF SOCIAL CHANGE. BASIC PROBLEM IS TRANSITION FROM THE OLD ORDER TO NEWLY EMERGING SOCIALIST STRUCTURE; DURING THIS PERIOD, WORKERS AND IMMENSE MAJORITY OF CHILEANS WILL DEFEND GOVT FROM INTRANSIGENT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS WHO SEEK CIVIL WAR AS ONLY WAY TO RECOVER THEIR LOST PRIVILEGES. EXECUTIVE WILL RESIST EFFORTS BY OPPOSITION-DOMINATED CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A PARLIAMENTARY REGIME. PRAISING ARMED FORCES, PRESIDENT CALLED FOR THEIR FULL " INTEGRATION" INTO NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

4. NEW CONSTITUTION. REVIVING UP IDEA OF A NEW CONSTITUTION FIRST UNVEILED LAST SEPTEMBER (SANTIAGO 4097, SEPT 1972). ALLENDE CITED NEED FOR NEW FLEXIBILITY IN ADJUSTING INSTITUTIONS TO CHANGING SOCIAL STRUCTURE. SPECIFICALLY, HE ENVISIONED A MORE " DEMOCRATIC" JUDICIAL SYSTEM, CREATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, EXPANDED POWERS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW AGENCY CALLED SOLICITOR GENERAL (PROCURADURIA GENERAL) FOR CONTROLLER GENERAL.

5. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ALLENDE' S PRESENTATION WAS MOSTLY REHASH OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED GOVT POLICIES AND EXCUSES FOR PRESENT PROBLEMS. PRESIDENT DEVOTED SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO INFLATION, DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS, PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, AND FORMATION OF GOVT- CONTROLLED SECTOR OF ECONOMY, OFFERING ESSENTIALLY NO NEW SOLUTIONS FOR THESE PROBLEMS. (FULLER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COVERAGE OF ECONOMIC TOPICS FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.)

6. IN SUBSEQUENT HALF- HOUR ADDRESS TO UP PARTISANS GATHERED AT LA MONEDA, ALLENDE DEPLORED CONTINUING EL TENIENTE COPPER STRIKE, URGED WORKERS TO DEVELOP " REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIENCE" AND FORESAKE OLD MENTALITY WHICH STRESSED BREAD- AND- BUTTER DEMANDS, WARNED OF CONTINUED SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS,

AND URGED TRUE SUPPORTERS OF UP TO STOP SUCH ACTIONS AS ROAD
BLOCKADES AND SEIZURES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS WHICH ONLY
EMBARRASS GOVT AND PROVIDE AMMUNITION TO OPPOSITION.

7. UP POLITICIANS PREDICTABLY ARE PRAISING SPEECH AS
REALISTIC AND HARD- HITTING. OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIANS
TERM IT VAGUE , OLD HAT, THREATENING, AND INCOMPLETE IN
FAILING DISCUSS SUCH PRESSING PROBLEMS AS SHORTAGES OF
CONSUMER GOODS AND ADEQUATE HOUSING. PN PUBLICLY BOY-
COTTED SESSION AND PDC ATTENDANCE WAS SPARSE.
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